



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

St James Middle
Horry
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 1,033
Principal: Dr. D. Dwight Boykin
Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry
Board Chair: Will Garland

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Excellent	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

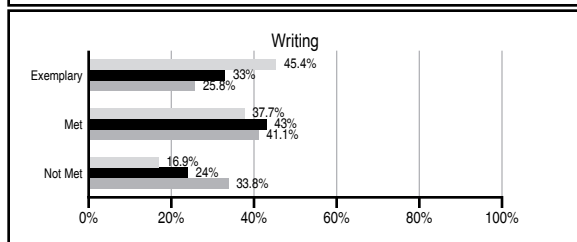
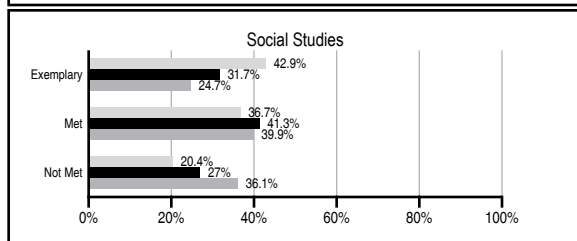
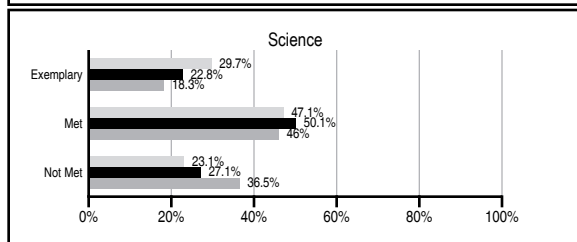
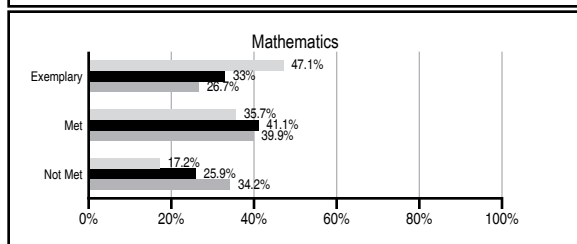
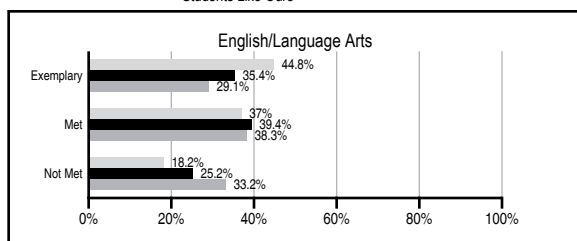
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	12	28	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	99.3	98.3
English 1	100.0	98.0
Physical Science	N/A	100.0
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	99.5	98.2

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=1,033)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	60.2%	Up from 41.6%	24.0%	21.6%
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 1.0%	1.0%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 99.7%	96.0%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	33.8%	Up from 32.6%	19.6%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	14.1%	Up from 13.7%	11.4%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	0.5%	Down from 0.8%	1.7%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Down from 2.3%	0.8%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=66)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	51.5%	Up from 43.5%	56.6%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	75.8%	Down from 77.4%	76.0%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.3%	Down from 7.8%	5.7%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.2%	Up from 84.2%	85.3%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 93.9%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,739	Up 6.0%	\$46,785	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.7%	Down from 5.1%	0.8%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	19.6 days	Up from 15.8 days	10.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Down from 23.6 to 1	21.8 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1%	Down from 92.2%	90.1%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	99.0%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,595	Up 10.9%	\$6,884	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.5%	Down from 66.1%	65.0%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	44.4%	Down from 60.7%	57.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%	Up from 90.5%	91.3%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	63	292	216
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.5%	69.0%	85.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.8%	73.0%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.1%	83.6%	76.4%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Our "Eyes on the Future" theme guided our students and staff through another school year. Our continued emphasis on academics paid off. Our students and staff were blessed to receive many awards. They included the Palmetto Silver Award Winner, SC Education Department Closing the Achievement Gap Silver Award Winner, only middle school in the state to be featured by ETV's "In Our Schools" Gold and Silver program, 70 SC Junior Scholars, 30 Eagle Scholars, 1 John Hopkins Scholar, 7 Duke TIP Scholars, Best Attorney and Best Witness in district Mock Trial competition, 5 All County Chorus, 6 All County Band, 4 All County Orchestra, School Spelling Bee and Geography champions, MATHCOUNTS Competition Regional 1st place and top 10 in the state competition, 28 Math Olympiads, District Superintendent Essay Award winner, District Soil and Water Essay award winner, and the Myrtle Beach Pelicans Essay Award winner. We added mural quotes on the walls within each wing of the building to inspire our students and staff. Our PTSO has upgraded our front-yard flowerbeds and entrance area. With increased student enrollment, we have added two new portables. To enhance our security system, we have implemented two new walk-through metal detectors and an identification security check in system at our front desk. Our focus on instructional strategies included disaggregating data collected from state tests, MAP, quarterly benchmark tests, and classroom assessments. We continued with our 20/20 forty minute school-wide reading comprehension program. With this school-wide instructional time, we continue to fine tune this time for prescriptive lessons for our targeted students. We continued with our TeachFirst Professional Learning Communities instructional strategies. We continue to emphasize our Math All Stars, Math Olympiad, Math Counts, Mock Trial, Accelerated Reader, Life Skills, PSAT/SAT tutorials, and writing/reading programs. Our Math-a-thon program raised \$2200 for St. Jude's Research Hospital, \$4700 for Special Olympics, and \$1300 for "Relay for Life" cancer research. We had 40 local businesses attend our Career Day program. Our PTSO, School Improvement Council, Partners In Education, and community are second to none. Our local organizations, churches, and businesses continue to provide support and services throughout the school year. Dr. D. Dwight Boykin, Principal; Cindy Whittington, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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